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Indo-China Strategic Dialogue
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India and China held first strategic dialogue in the month of February, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether during the strategic dialogue, the Government raised the issue of Chinese obstruction towards India becoming a member of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Chinese side thereto;

(d) whether Chinese have also protested the visit of Taiwanese parliamentary delegation to India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) Foreign Secretary held the first restructured India-China Strategic Dialogue with his counterpart, Executive Vice Minister in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 22 February 2017 in Beijing. The Strategic Dialogue was preceded by senior official level dialogues between India and China covering issues of Afghanistan, multilateral diplomacy including counter-terrorism, nuclear issues as well as bilateral relations. During his visit, Foreign Secretary also called on State Councillor Mr. Yang Jiechi and Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi. During these meetings, the two sides held in-depth discussions on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest and concern.

(d) to (e) Government of India"s policy on Taiwan is clear and consistent. However, Chinese side from time to time shares its views on this matter. It has been conveyed and clarified to the Chinese side on numerous occasions and at various levels, that there is no change in Government of India"s policy of promoting exchanges in trade, investment, tourism, culture, education and other such people-to-people areas.